



# Reception Sample Activities

## Carpet Maths

### CM R.3.iii Spotting the missing number

#### Physical resources

- glove puppet
- washing line and pegs

#### Description

Show children the glove puppet and a pegged number line with large number cards 1-10 in order. Use [Resource Sheets 77-86](#). Count along the number line in unison, pointing at each number as you do so. Repeat.

Now ask children to shut their eyes. Remove a number from the line and hide it. Children open their eyes. Say, *Naughty Puppet has taken one of our numbers! Which one has he taken?* Children make suggestions, then count along the line to establish which number is missing. Replace the missing number. Repeat with a different number.